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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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The Restriction Requirement mailed December 24, 2003 has been received.

Please consider the following remarks and amendments.

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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Restriction to one of the following inventions has been required:

- I. Claims 1-12, 15-18, 34, 35 and 52-57, drawn to a precision multi-dimensional capacitive transducer, class 73, subclass 780.
- II. Claims 19-24, 44 and 46-51, drawn to a precision multi-dimensional capacitive transducer, class 73, subclass 763.
 - III. Claims 25-31, drawn to an optical microscope apparatus, class 73, subclass 800.
- IV. Claim 32, drawn to a method of performing a micro-mechanical test on a sample, class 73, subclass 800.
- V. Claims 33 and 41, drawn to an instrument for providing high-resolution tribological properties testing of magnetic recording assemblies, class 73, subclass 800.
- VI. Claims 36-40, 42 and 43, drawn to a precision multi-dimensional capacitive transducer, class 73, subclass 780.
- VIII. Claim 45, drawn to a precision multi-dimensional capacitive transducer, class 73, subclass 780.

Applicant elects, without traverse, the claims of Group II (claims 19-24, 44 and 46-51). Please cancel claims 1-18, 25-43, 55 and 52-57 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s) on the cancelled claims.